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SUBJECT: SC RES ON ME PEACE CONFERENCE

1. SC MET MORNIGN OF DEC 15 IN CLOSED SESSION
AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION (TEXT IN SEPTTEL) SPONSORED
BY ALL 10 NON-PERM MEMBERS. DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS
INTRODUCED BY MADAME CISSE (GUINEA) AND PUT TO VOTE
FORTHWITH. VOTE WAS YES (NON-PERMS) -NO -0 ABSTAIN -4,
PRC NOT PARTICIPATING.
2. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE FRANCE MAINTAINED VIEW RESOLUTION
SHOULD HAVE GOVE FURTHER, AUTHORIZED SYG PARTICIPTION
AND PROVIDED CLEAR AND PRECISE MANDATE FOR HIS PARTICIPATION.
UK REP SAID HE ABSTAINED SOLELY BECAUSE US AND USSR WERE
NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT RES AT THIS TIME. US EXPLAINED
ITS ABSTENTION IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS.

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3. HUANG HUA, WHOSE CHAIRMANSHP OF MEETING IMPARTIAL AND

UNEXCEPTIONABLE, SPOKE AS PRC REP TO EXPLAIN CHINESE NON-PARTICIPATION IN CONVENTIONAL TERMS. (EVERYTHING FROM SC RES 338 ONWARD HAD MORE OR LESS BEEN SUPER-POWER PLOT TO IMPOSE HEGEMONY ON MIDDLE EAST.) MALIK REPLIED WITH RESTRAINT, ASSERTING USSR ALWAYS SOLID FRIEND OF ARABS, FIRMLY OPPOSED TO "ISRAELI AGGRESSION." HE CITED ARAB SUMMIT EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION OF SOVIET SUPPORT TO ARABIA.

4. THERE IS GENERAL SATISFACTION OVER THE FACT THAT SC HAS NOW PRONOUNCED ITSELF ON THE PEACE CONFERENCE FACT THAT RES RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ONLY OF 10 CO-SPONSORS, ALL NON-PERM MEMBERS, AND THAT EFFECT OF FOUR ABSTENTIONS MEANT THAT US AND USSR NOT ISOLATED ON ISSUE WAS PERHAPS SOVERING RESULT TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SERVED TO KEEP REALITIES BEFORE COUNCIL. MANY NON-PERMS TAKE POSITION ACTION OF COUNCIL COULD BE HELPFUL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS TALKS WITH ISRAELIS. IN POST SESSION COMMENT TO ME BOTH INDIA'S SEN AND YUGOSLAVIA'S MOJSOV INDICATED VIEW THAT ISRAELIS WERE NOT ONLY PROBLEM HOLDING UP FINAL AGREEMENT. BOTH TOOK POSITION THAT SYRIANS WRONG IN REFUSING TO FURNISH LIST OF POW'S.

5. MOST OF COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE TODAY'S ABSTAINERS IN POSITIVE SUPPORT OF RES. SEN REMARKED THAT COUNCIL WAS GIVING HALF A BLESSING TODAY TO PEACE CONFERENCE AND HE HOPED THE SECOND HALF COULD BE GIVEN WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FINALLY AGREED ON. OTHERS ENDORSED HIS VIEW. MALIK WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE LIKED TO CAST AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TODAY BUT HE WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD TO ME BEFORE MEETING THAT HE WOULD ABSTAIN UNDER HIS INSTRUCTIONS. ALL THIS RAISES POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SC MEETING NEXT WEEK AFTER DETAILS OF CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN FINALLY AGREED WITH PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. CHINESE, WITH THEIR INSISTENCE IN EFFECT ON DESIRABILITY OF WAR RATHER THAN PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAVE ISOLATED THEMSELVES IN COUNCIL AND THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL VIEW THAT THEIR EXTREME POSITION HAS WON THEM NO POLITICAL MILEAGE.

6. ON BALANCE I BELIEVE OUR INTERESTS HAVE BEEN SUITABLY SERVED BY TODAY'S SC DECISION. ACTIVISTS ON COUNCIL CONSIDER THEY HAVE ACHIEVED SOMETHING. IN SITUATION WHICH WOULD HAVE LED THEM TO FESTER OVER THE WEEKEND WE WOULD
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PROBABLY HAVE BEEN FACED BY MONDAY DECEMBER 17 WITH ANGRY ATMOSPHERE AND UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. WITH THIS MORNING'S ACTION COUNCIL HAS SPOKEN WITH RESTRAINT AND HAS TAKEN BROAD VIEW OF CONFERENCE WITH NON-CONTENTIOUS LANGUAGE.
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